GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO FOREIGN SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign soldiers trained by the Indian armed forces during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether India is sending its soldiers to developed countries for training;

(c) if so, the number of soldiers deputed for training during the above period; and

(d) the benefit derived from exchange of training and joint exercises?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) 5483 foreign soldiers were trained by Indian armed forces during the last three training years. Year-wise and country-wise details are at Annexure `A`.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The number of soldiers deputed for training to developed countries during the last three years are:-

2002-2003	-	96
2003-2004	-	78
2004-2005	-	102

(d) The exchange of training and joint exercises helps in building up defence cooperation with other countries. The soldiers from friendly countries are also exposed to our history, culture and society. Our armed forces, by availing courses abroad, are exposed to the current and emerging global trends in organisational practices, equipment, tactics, training and procedures.

ANNEXURE `A` REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED OUESTION NO. 5050 FQR 28.4.2005

COUNTRY-WISE DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN SOLDIERS TRAINED BY THE INDIAN ARMED FORCES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:

Country	Number of soldiers trained in			TOTAL
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
Algeria	Nil	01	Nil	01
Australia	01	02	01	04
Bangladesh	41	26	33	100
Benin	Nil	04	Nil	04
Bhutan	08	224	258	490
Botswana	Nil	37	31	68
Cambodia	24	18	10	52
Czech Republic	Nil	01	Nil	01
Egypt	01	01	Nil	02
Ethiopia	01	Nil	Nil	01
France	01	02	03	06
Ghana	02	02	06	10
Indonesia	09	03	10	22
Kazakhstan	02	06	06	14

Kenya	08	06	11	25
Korea	01	01	01	03
Kyrgyzstan	01	06	02	09
Laos	01	07	04	12
Lebanon	01	01	Nil	02
Lesotho	Nil	03	03	06
Malaysia	15	16	09	40
Maldives	56	77	105	238
Mauritius	25	36	27	88
Mongolia	05	05	01	11
Myanmar	10	29	25	64
Namibia	01	Nil	Nil	01
Nigeria	15	17	14	46
Nepal	05	216	151	372
Oman	04	02	01	07
Phillippines	01	02	Nil	03
Qatar	04	Nil	Nil	04
Seychelles	07	15	09	31
Singapore	Nil	01	07	08
South AtTica	Nil	01	01	02
Srilanka	359	1776	1414	3549
Syria	01	01	01	03
Tajikistan	04	47	26	77
Tanzania	01	Nil	06	07
Thailand	02	02	01	05
Uganda	01	04	03	08
UK	04	04	04	12
USA	03	06	08	17
Uzbekistan	03	05	02	10
UAE	01	02	02	05
Vietnam	16	08	15	39
Zambia	Nil	04	Nil	04

Total: 5483